

## News Briefs

### Correction

In the Jan. 17 Eifel Times article, "Spangdahlem Airmen Head Out to Support Enduring Freedom," 52nd Consolidated Maintenance Squadron should have read 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron.

### Safety briefing

A course II refresher safety briefing takes place Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the base theater, building 153. All wing members age 26 and younger are required to attend after being on station for six months, according to U.S. Air Forces in Europe Supplement 91-202. However, the briefing is no longer required twice a tour. Call unit ground safety managers for more information.

### Dining facility closure

The Mosel Hall dining facility is closed Feb. 24 through Sept. 1 for renovations. During the closure, the Jet Blast Inn dining facility will serve breakfast lunch and midnight meals, but will remain closed on weekends and holidays. Call 452-6727 for more information.

### Shuttle bus route change

The base shuttle will not stop at Dormitories 227 and 332 from Monday through June due to road construction. Call the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle dispatch office at 452-6645 for more information.

### Blood drive

A blood drive takes place Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the base community activity center. Blood donations benefit the military community, which is currently facing critical supply shortages. People who don't qualify to donate may serve as a volunteer. Call Tech. Sgt. Margaret Santamaria at 452-6396 for details.

### Legal office closure

The 52nd Fighter Wing legal office is closed Wednesday for an official function. Call the office at 452-6796 for more information.

### Deployed family

A festival especially for deployed families takes place Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex building 2001. The family readiness program sponsored event features morale calls at 10 a.m., lunch at 11 a.m., and face painting, letter writing, movies and games throughout the day. Call 452-6894 for more information or to register for morale calls.

### Tax preparation service

The 52nd Fighter Wing Legal Office sponsors free tax preparation services on base beginning Feb. 3. The Spangdahlem AB Volunteer Income Tax Assistance office is located in building 129. It's open Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for appointments only. It's also open for walk-in service or appointments Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. The Bitburg Annex VITA office is located in building 2001. It's open Tuesday and Thursday from 5-8 p.m. for walk-in service and appointments. Call 452-6572 to schedule appointments for either location.

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Staff Sgt. John Barton

Chief Master Sgt. Ken McQuiston, 52nd Fighter Wing command chief master sergeant, right, greets Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray upon his arrival at Spangdahlem Air Base Jan. 17. Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd FW commander, welcomes Chief Master Sgt. Vickie Mauldin, U.S. Air Forces in Europe command chief master sergeant, as she exits the aircraft.

## Top enlisted visits Spangdahlem, discusses readiness, promotions

By Airman 1st Class Amaani F. Lyle  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray met with various groups at Spangdahlem Air Base Jan. 17 as part of a four-country tour of European based installations.

Murray joined some two dozen airmen at the Mosel Halle Dining Facility for a bite to eat and a candid question and answer forum that covered such topics as readiness, promotions and quality of life.

Murray, who said his job entails advocating enlisted ranks, discussed promotion outlooks for the future.

"Looks like we'll see promotion rates stabilize and gradually decrease," said Murray. "But to put that in perspective, you have to look at how our high promotion rates have set our people to advance in their careers fairly rapidly, especially at the staff sergeant and technical sergeant ranks.

"The average time to make staff sergeant today is 4.4 years of service. We expect that number to fall next year to 4.1 years of service," he said.

The average time-in-service for technical sergeants is currently 13.1 years, which is projected to fall to 10.8 years by 2008.

"You will have the opportunity to enjoy those benefits and put that money in your pocket over two years earlier," said Murray.

The chief compared military compensation to that of average civilian salaries, with the message that Air Force training and benefits enhance member quality of life in and out of the service.

"The way we get rich in this service is by what you've seen and heard today, in the people we work with," said the 25-year Air Force veteran. "(We have) teamwork and camaraderie that's hard to find in many privately-owned companies.

"The skills you learned in the Air Force add to your ability to do some incredible things for our nation."

Murray ended with a message about readiness and his confidence in America's manpower and technological advantages.

"We are preparing for the possibility of war," he said. "It hasn't happened yet, but we need to continue to posture for it.

"I am amazed with the technology we have. We have hard-working people and contingencies all over the world and I'm confident that we are prepared for any situation.

"After having traveled with the chief of staff to Operations Northern and Southern Watch, I know absolutely that our Air Force is ready. We've been very impressed with the attitude and mission focus of our people.

"I guarantee you that here at Spangdahlem you'll be working as hard or harder as those who are down range. Getting the team together, with everyone pulling their weight is the most important thing you can do," said Murray.

As the forum closed, wing members presented the chief with a piece of cake and sang "Happy Birthday" in his honor. After a rousing applause, Murray bid his farewell.

"Thank you and God bless you all," he said.

## Base council jam packs junior enlisted after-hours calendar

Program by airmen, for airmen make morale part of mission

By Airman 1st Class Amaani F. Lyle  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

By now most junior enlisted servicemembers know how to shine their boots, iron their uniform and march in formation. But chances are, recreational "training" has fallen by the wayside. That's where the Just Airmen council comes into play.

Airmen in grades of E-1 to E-4 can vote on, participate in and improve a wide variety of trips, events and services, through JAM!, the funded council located in the base community activity center.

"Currently we're the only base in the Air Force that has a program like this," said Jake Jacobs, programs director for the center.

Jacobs said JAM! has been a way to beat boredom since 2000 when Al Cannon, the former marketing representative here, modeled and perfected the program for Air Force needs after the Army's successful Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

"We at Spangdahlem are the trendsetters," said Jacobs. "The program has proven so successful that we're set to have (officials) from (U.S. Air Forces in Europe) come here to see how the council works and hopefully make it

USAFE-wide."

Jacobs said new airmen arriving to the base every month were faced with the question of what to do on Saturday nights.

According to Jacobs, JAM! has improved the quality of life for duty members not only through special programs and events, but by

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## Accidents

**By John W. Keeler**  
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Reports and Analysis

Twenty-seven Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, three of which were major.

The first was on L-46 in the vicinity of Zemmer. A driver was making a turn when his vehicle's left front tire drove off of the road. As a result, the driver lost control of the vehicle and hit a tree. The airman suffered serious facial fractures, a broken arm and was transported to the Bruder Krankenhaus in Trier. The vehicle was totaled.

The second was on K-11 in the vicinity of Bettenfeld. An airman was driving on a country road when she hit a patch of ice, lost control of her vehicle, drove off an eight-foot embankment and hit a tree. There were no injuries. The airman's vehicle sustained disabling damage. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

The third happened on B-50 as a family member was driving in the direction of Spangdahlem. The individual stated that as she was making a turn, her vehicle lost traction and spun around, hitting the perimeter fence. There were no injuries. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. The 24 minor accidents involved:

- 14 from inattentive driving.
- Eight for driving at speeds too fast for conditions.
- Two from backing.

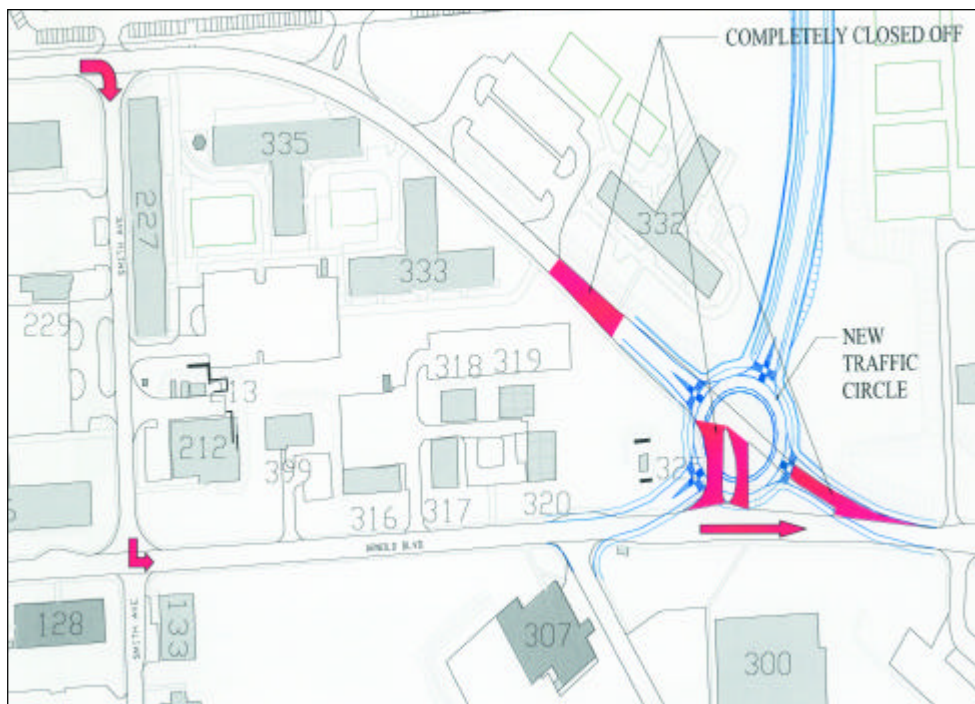
### Safety tidbit

Driving on slippery roads can be very dangerous. Always follow other cars at a safe distance when driving on slippery road surfaces. Keep in mind that driving on snow or ice requires three to twelve times as much stopping distance as dry pavement. Allow plenty of space when following vehicles. Avoid using cruise control when driving on slick roads.

To get moving on snow or ice, start forward as slowly as the engine will allow. When driving with an automatic transmission, step down on the gas slowly and accelerate as smoothly as possible.

When driving a manual transmission, release the clutch slowly. If the wheels spin, start over again in second or a higher gear. This enables smoother acceleration and should prevent the wheels from spinning or sliding.

To stop a vehicle on packed snow or ice, apply the brakes gently. If the wheel locks up during braking, the tire slides along the roadway instead of rolling. This increases the stopping distance and the driver may lose steering control as well.



Graphic by Staff Sgt. Richard Filbert

### Base detours

The section of Perimeter Road located in front of Dormitory 332, near the bowling center, closes Monday due to the construction of a traffic circle at the Perimeter Road and Arnold Boulevard intersection. Traffic will be rerouted to Smith Avenue and Arnold Boulevard. Drivers are encouraged to exercise caution when driving near the site and to obey the temporarily implemented speed limits and detour signs. Call the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron construction management office at 452-7214 for more information.

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### Volunteers needed

The base volunteer resource program seeks volunteers to assist family members evacuated from other bases due to natural disasters or real world events. Program coordinators seek family sponsors, safe haven reception workers and family assistance center staff. Initial training takes place Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon in Spangdahlem AB building 307. Call Kelly Childs at 452-9491 for more information.

### Medical clinic closure

The 52nd Medical Group clinic is closed Feb. 6 for readiness training. For urgent care, visit the Bitburg Annex hospital emergency room.

### Tier Two meeting

Tier Two, a professional organization for NCOs, meets Feb. 13 at noon in Spangdahlem AB building 316. The event features a potluck meal. Senior Master Sgt. Rick Aldridge, Air Force Association president, and Master Sgt. Dan Beasley, 52nd Fighter Wing Career Assistance Advisor, will be the guest speakers. All staff and technical sergeants are encouraged to attend.

### Munitions storage closure

The 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron munitions storage area is closed Feb. 3-28 to conduct a munitions stockpile semi-annual inventory. All munitions required for February

must be requested by Jan. 17. During inventory, only valid emergency requests approved by applicable group commanders and submitted in accordance with applicable directives will be honored. Call Master Sgt. Bruce Birdwell at 452-6743 for more information.

### Awards banquet

The 52nd Fighter Wing 2002 Annual Awards Banquet takes place Feb. 15 in the base fitness center. Cocktail hour is at 5:30 p.m. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$20. Dress is mess dress and semi-formal. Call unit first sergeants by Feb. 7 to reserve seats.

### Scholarship

The 52nd Fighter Wing Top 3 scholarship program offers \$100 per semester to one technical sergeant or below to use toward education costs. Call the base education office at 452-6063 or Master Sgt. William Cornell at 452-6845 for more information.

### Dress and appearance

Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing are authorized to wear the Navy style watch cap on base Oct. 1 through Feb. 28 annually. When worn, it's authorized to cover the ears and must touch the crown of the head.

These new wear instructions will be incorporated in the Spangdahlem AB Supplement to Air Force Instruction 36-2903. Call the military personnel flight customer service desk at 452-6553 for more information.

### Predeployment briefings

Deploying military members and their families are encouraged to attend the family support center predeployment briefing, which takes place each Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. in building 307. The briefing provides vital information to deploying members and their families on the three phases of the process and deployed family benefits. Families of members deploying for 30 days or more also qualify for an Air Force Aid Society car care certificate, good for a free oil change and safety inspection. Call Master Sgt. Tracey Rickey at 452-7491 for more information or to register.

### EQUAL listing

Visit <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlisted/enlisted.htm> to view the Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for people returning from overseas during May-July.

Members need to work through their military personnel flights to update their preferences since the update process isn't automated. The deadline for updating assignment preferences is Thursday. Airmen will be notified of their selection in February. Call the base military personnel flight at 452-6553 for more information.

### AAFES news

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service deployment policy offers Military Star card holders reduced rates with no down payments for people deployed for a minimum of 90 days in conjunction with a JCS deployment order. Call the base exchange general manager's office at 452-9065 for details.

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making services more convenient for everyday living as well.

"We were able to do things like extend the hours at the BXtra, and add a second movie screening at the base theater," said Jacobs. "These were all services customized to meet the airmen's needs and desires."

With \$5,000 in funding for 2002 alone, Jacobs said JAM! exclusive parties, sporting events, trips and volunteering programs are all within reach, with many activities free or discounted.

The Valentine's dating game, the St.

Patrick's Day party and the National Football League Armed Forces Day trip are just a few main events slated for the first half of the year.

"In my experience, events with the JAM! council have passed my test with flying colors," said Airman 1st Class Michael Worsham, 606th Air Control Squadron and JAM! participant. "When my wallet was light, but my appetite for fun was raging, JAM! has been my savior," he wrote in the 52nd Services Community Pages.

According to Jacobs, facilitating programs such as Operation Warm Belly (in which airmen volunteered to bring hot chocolate and cookies to shift workers) or collaborating with

the NFL and United Service Organization to acquire free tickets for airmen to a football game in Frankfurt, JAM! has enhanced the community by giving junior enlisted members an outlet tailor-made for them.

"We at services generate programs (in conjunction) with JAM! to involve the entire community in them, through weekend activities like the Local Area Network party and ACT-Eifel (community theater program) There's a lot to do here at Spangdahlem and in Germany. If we don't participate in these events then they slowly disappear," said Jacobs.

Master Sgt. Wenifredo Lime, First Term Airmen Center superintendent, 52nd Mission

Support Squadron, said he has seen an influx of new airmen, and programs like JAM! can be a positive influence on those separated from friends and family back home.

"I've been there," said Lime. "I've lived in the dorm. Some people get really depressed. "Any program in which you're around peers and having a good time enables you to keep your mind focused," he said.

JAM! Council meetings are held every first and third Thursday of the month. Council membership positions include president, vice president, secretary, special events coordinator and FTAC briefer. For more information, e-mail 52svs.jam.@spangdahlem.af.mil.





Members of the 52nd Dental Squadron Logistics Element make up this week's Top Saber Team.

## Top Saber Team

**Unit Name:** 52nd Dental Squadron Logistics Element

**Unit Responsibilities:** Provides logistical support for 68 squadron members who provide dental care for 14,000 eligible beneficiaries. The logistics element manages an annual supply budget of \$300,000. They acquire supplies and equipment ranging from orthodontic brackets to X-ray equipment, make minor equipment repairs and handle building custodian responsibilities.

Number of members: Seven

**Teams' latest contribution to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** The element helped ensure a successful Installation Excellence Award team visit to medical group facilities. The team also ensured the dental bus was fully maintained and inspection ready so people delivering briefings could concentrate on their task. The element also provided medical supplies and equipment to support more than \$500,000 worth of dental care the squadron provides monthly.

**Team's other contributions throughout the year:** Coordinated dental supplies for the Medical Red Flag deployment to Africa last summer. Diligently assisted in the medical group's 2002 Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and Health Services Inspection. Zero supply discrepancies were found. This placed the group at the top 5 percent of U.S. hospitals. The element was also instrumental in the success of the September 2002 Operational Readiness Inspection, ensuring supplies were always available for extended hour operations. The surge dental examinations helped the medical group reach 80 percent Preventive Health Assessment/Individual Medical Readiness Compliance levels. This is the group's highest level ever reached. For this achievement, the group was rated highest Air Force wide for bases with 3,000 or more assigned military members.

## Eifel Salutes

### 52nd Operations Group

An example setter, great attitude, and dedicated professional describes **Staff Sgt. Kenneth Plott**, 23rd Fighter Squadron, who's been making things happen in the scheduling shop. Way to go!

### 52nd Maintenance Group

Spotted by the wing commander, **Airman 1st Class Bradley Parker** showed some great "attention to detail" by finding potentially harmful "foreign object damage" on the runway. Away from the flightline but working just as hard is **Staff Sgt. Toby Roach** who is leading the effort in a self-help project for building 729. **Tech. Sgt. Sean Hall** is also excelling as part of the inspection team moving the "repair and reclamation" equipment to Hangar 2. No shortage of sharp technical sergeants in the maintenance group, as **Tech. Sgt. Gabriel Nerf** managed inspection documentation so well that it resulted in an above standard 93.3 percent commission rate. Also working above standards is **Senior Airman Michael Leroux** who has kept 100 percent accountability of munitions reconciliation packets.

### 52nd Mission Support Group

Shining as world events unfold is **Capt. Claudia Bermudez** and her partner in crime, **2nd Lt. Rahsul Freeman**, who as installation deployment officers have done

an exceptional job. Also doing great work during recent events by orchestrating the deployment of over 260 people is **Master Sgt. Bill Bright** ... and part of that effort was **Staff Sgt. Daryl Bagley**. He "meticulously" prepared more than 20 deployment schedule of events and outlined the step by step process for those 260-plus "deployers."

### 52nd Medical Group

No worries for anyone having to visit the operating room, **Capt. Kirt Peterson** is doing an outstanding job keeping the OR running smoothly. **Senior Airmen Courtney Gray** and **Donna Catley** are commended for showing great team spirit and selflessness for filling in and working extra hours for co-workers who needed the time off. A "mega combat medic" salute goes to the **Expeditionary Medical Operations team** for their efforts delivering "Euro Heat" during the recent deployment taskings ... and last but not least is **2nd Lt. Lyndell Wedyke** for doing an "excellent" job preparing her unit for a distinguished visitor who unfortunately had to cancel out ... oh well, maybe next time.

*Kudos to all, Team Eifel salutes you!*

(Compiled by 2nd Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)

# Train restoration project drives security forces to 'jail for bail'

By Rachel M. Bolding  
52nd Security Forces Squadron  
Personnel Security chief

The Binsfeld train is a little known historical landmark, located in Binsfeld near the intersection of Bahnhofstrasse and Neustrasse. The old locomotive No. 25333 transported about 20 carts of building material daily in the 1950s during the buildup of Spangdahlem Air Base. Essentially, it was the workhorse that helped build the home of the 52nd Fighter Wing.

The train's steam and coal engine, operated 24-hours daily hauling construction materials, including gravel and bricks. It was contracted from the Hamburg Company, Rathjens. Train engineer Rudolf Simon, who conducted No. 25333's last run Aug. 14, 1965, honored the final trip by flying a black flag. The book "Die Kleinbahn Philippsheim-Binsfeld," by Lothar Riedel, offers an in-depth look at this historical locomotive.

Today, the train that helped build Spangdahlem AB lies in near ruin and is in dire need of restoration. The 52nd Security Forces Squadron, in cooperation with the village of Binsfeld, leads the effort to restore the train as a local historical monument.

"This restoration will be more than a simple physical monument, it will be a monument to the spirit of cooperation that has existed and continues to exist between our base and the sur-



Staff Sgts. Dewayne Butler and Nick Deojay, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, show off locomotive No. 25333, for which the squadron is raising funds to restore.

rounding communities," said Lt. Col. Larry Laird, 52nd SFS commander.

The estimated cost for the restoration is 30,000 euros. A variety of fundraising efforts are planned, culminating with a check handover to coincide with the anniversary of the train's last run, Aug. 14.

The kickoff fundraiser, the 52 SFS Jail and Bail, takes place Jan. 31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wing agencies are encouraged to participate. Simply call 452-6710 Jan. 31 to place an "arrest request." The person of choice will be taken into custody and "jailed" for one hour. The cost is \$10 per hour. Bail can be posted for \$20 per hour. Detainees will have a phone to raise bail money. For more information, visit the base bulletin or e-mail jailbail2003@yahoo.com.

Organizations interested in helping with the restoration project can call 452-7848.



Tech. Sgt. Karla L. Jeremiah-Griffith, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron Family Practice Clinic medical technician, is this week's Top Saber Performer.

## Top Saber Performer

**Name:** Tech. Sgt. Karla L. Jeremiah-Griffith

**Unit:** 52nd Medical Operations Squadron

**Duty title:** Family Practice Clinic medical technician

**Hometown:** Grenada, West Indies

**Years in Service:** 12

**Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** Jeremiah-Griffith keeps Team Eifel ready as the lead agent for family practice medical clearance and annual readiness testing programs. This ensures wing members are worldwide qualified and medically ready.

**Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits:** She volunteers for Airman Against Drunk Driving and youth sports activities. Participates in numerous continuing medical education opportunities.

**What do you do for fun? Or, What's a fun thing you've done lately?** I enjoy reading, volksmarching, and visiting festivals and sites in the local communities.

**What do you like most about being stationed here?** The opportunity to travel and visit countries and historic sites.

**What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base?** I think it would be great if we had an indoor pool located on the base.





# Spang F-16s take off for Enduring Freedom

By Maj. Melinda Morgan  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The last of 500 people and F-16CJ aircraft originally tasked to deploy from the 52nd Fighter Wing left for the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility Jan. 16.

As the aircrews left, Col. Stephen P. Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, thanked each member for serving their country and wished them well.

"Our men and woman are trained and ready to deploy. They are some of the finest in the United States Air Force," said Mueller to national and international reporters covering the deployment from on base. "It is always hard to leave loved ones behind, but the wing will give 100 percent to taking care of their needs."

Since last week, about 300 additional wing

members and F-16CJ aircraft have been tasked to deploy to the CENTCOM AOR.

The deployment is a part of the United States repositioning some of its military forces, where required, to support the President's global war on terrorism and to prepare for future contingencies as may be directed. Spangdahlem Air Base forces will augment Air Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8.

The deployments support ongoing operations, such as Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Northern Watch, and Operation Southern Watch.

The deployments require the use of heavy airlift aircraft. As a result, there will continue to be airlift aircraft flying into and out of Spangdahlem AB during quiet hours in the next few weeks.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Joseph Springfield

Top, a 52nd Fighter Wing F-16CJ takes off from Spangdahlem Air Base Jan. 16. Above, from left to right, Chief Master Sgt. Terrill Choy, Senior Master Sgt. Todd Osier, Master Sgt. Gary Allen and Tech. Sgt. Derrick East, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, salute the F-16CJ Fighting Falcon pilots deploying from Spangdahlem Air Base.



Left, Senior Airman Lucas Stabe, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief passes flight gear to Capt. Matthew Jensen during a pre-flight inspection Feb. 16. Above, a 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron member talks to a 52nd Fighter Wing F-16CJ pilot during pre-flight procedures while another pilot waits for tower clearance for take-off. An A-10 Thunderbolt II approaches the runway for landing.





## Community Mailbox

### Chapel services news

The Catholic Mass and Religious Education schedule has changed. Call the chapel services office at 452-6711 for more information.

#### Spangdahlem AB Chapel

- Mass, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
- Religious education, Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in building 135

■ Communion service, Wednesday and Thursday at 11:45 a.m.

■ Mass, Friday at 11:45 a.m.

#### Bitburg Annex Chapel

■ Religious education, Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at Bitburg Middle School

■ Confessions, Sunday before 11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass

■ Mass, Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

■ Mass, Tuesday at 9:15 a.m.

### LOTR card tourney

A "Lord of the Rings" card tournament takes place Saturday at 2 p.m. in Spangdahlem AB building 139, third floor. Players must bring their own card deck. The tournament is played in four rounds, lasting a total of four hours. There's no entry fee and all participants earn prizes. Call Capt. Larry Hutson at 06553-900331 for details.

### Volunteers needed

Volunteer help is needed at the Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex Airman's Attic, Loan Locker, libraries, in the schools and at other base agencies. No experience is necessary. Also, base volunteers may qualify for recognition program benefits. Call Kelly Childs, base volunteer resource program manager, at 452-9491 for more information.

### Family support news

The following workshops take place in Spangdahlem AB building 307. Call 452-9491 for details.

■ Predeployment briefing for active-duty and family members, Tuesday from 1-2 p.m.

■ German bills made easy, Wednesday from 3-4:30 p.m.

■ Mutual funds basics, Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

The following workshops take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001.

■ Creative critters preschool playtime, Monday from 10-11 a.m.



*Tech Sgt. Bonnie A. White*

### Wing's newest chiefs

52nd Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant Ken McQuiston, left, guides the wing's newest chief master sergeant selects through the Chief's Creed during the Chief Master Sergeant Induction Ceremony Jan. 17. From left to right, Chief Master Sgt. selects are Mike Dortch, NATO AWACS, E-3A Component, Training Wing, Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany; Todd W. Barnes, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Roger A. Schwenneker, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Edwin A. Blake, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; and Mark G. Parrish, International Military Police Squadron, Geilenkirchen AB.

■ Preparing for air expeditionary force deployment, Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.

■ Cooking casseroles, Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.

### CAC news

The following events take place in the base community activity center, building 124. Call 452-7381 for details.

■ Baby photo contest takes place Feb. 3-7. Photos of babies up to 2-years-old qualify. The public votes on favorite baby expressions Feb. 8-10. Prizes awarded for first, second and third place.

■ Voice and piano lessons take place each Monday and Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per 30 minutes. There's a minimum of three sessions per student.

### Girl Scouts

Girl Scout cookie sales take place on the weekends at the Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex post offices, commissaries and shopettes through January. "Operation Cookie Drop" also offers customers the opportunity to send Girl Scout cookies to deployed troops. Call Zandria Rogers at 06561-604100 for more information.

### Staying fit

The Health and Wellness Center offers the following workshops in building 130. For more information, call 452-9355.

■ Jump start, a class about nutrition and exercise, Tuesday at 9 a.m.

■ A low sodium cooking demonstration, Wednesday from 1-2 p.m.

■ Two-course class on how to make healthy choices when eating out, Thursday and Feb. 6 at 11 a.m.

■ Stress management workshop, Thursday at 1 p.m.

■ Cooking for diabetics, Feb. 12 at 1 p.m.

### Diabetic workshop

A diabetic workshop takes place Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex hospital conference room.

### Preschooler playtime

Mothers of Preschoolers meets Monday at 9:30 a.m. in Spangdahlem AB building 139. Meetings take place the second and fourth Monday of each month. MOPS features crafts and guest speakers for mothers while children are cared for on the premises. Call the chapel office at 452-6711 for more information.

### Education center news

The base education office is located in building 192. Call the office at 452-6063 for more information.

■ University of Oklahoma offers an independent reading class with Dr. Jerome Weber. Call the OU branch office at 452-7555 or e-mail cweber@ou.edu for more information.

■ University of Maryland University College offers a variety of \$500 scholarships for undergraduate and graduate studies that can be used for Term 4 tuition and books, which begins March 31. Students who already receive financial aid are also eligible to apply. Visit [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu) for scholarship application and requirements. Also visit the UMUC branch office in the education center for the necessary essay information.

### BES PTA meeting

The Bitburg Elementary School Parent, Teacher Association meets Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Families are encouraged to attend and make Valentine's Day cards for deployed troops. A guest speaker will talk about family deployment concerns.

### Dinner and dancing

The King Citadel Military Lodge 163 Annual Black and White Ball takes place Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Spang Club. Social hour takes place at 6 p.m. The event features a live jazz band, a buffet and after-party dance. Tickets cost \$30 each or \$50 per couple. A professional photographer will also be available. Call 01609-8435366 or 01609-5021785 to reserve seats.

### College grant

Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant applications are currently available by visiting [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org), or at either family support center location on Spangdahlem AB or the Bitburg Annex. The grant, sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, is designed to help supplement funding for military sons and daughters attending an accredited college, university, or vocational school full-time. Applications must be mailed to AFAS headquarters and arrive at the organization by March 14. For more information or application assistance, call John Costello, the base Air Force Aid Society officer, at 452-9491.

### Talent show

A youth talent show takes place March 6 in the base theater. Youth ages 6-18 are encouraged to enter in vocal, instrumental, performing arts and dance categories. Registration deadline is Feb. 10. Call 452-7381 for details.

### Reading group

The Bitburg Annex Library reading group meets Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in the library to discuss the book, "Henry and Clara," by Thomas Mallon. Call 452-9056 for more information.

### Toastmasters meeting

The Eifel Toastmasters meet the second Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and the fourth Wednesday at 5 p.m. of each month in the Spangdahlem AB Chapel. Call Tricia Vadney at 452-3179 for more information.

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## Looking back

# Chief recalls AF through the decades

By Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Boutelier  
52nd Communications Squadron  
Information Systems superintendent

How many changes have you seen during your career in the Air Force? Is it really a better Air Force now than when you came in?

I've been in the Air Force for just under 30 years and although I've seen a lot, I haven't seen everything. In the grand scheme of things, 30 years isn't really a long time, but things do happen. Come join me on my ride.

On a hot and dusty San Joaquin Valley summer day in 1973, I left Bakersfield, Calif. I had never left home before. I was filled with apprehension and excitement. We were having a nasty little cold war with the Soviet Union and deep in my heart I believed someone (either us or them) would finally lose it and launch those dreaded "nukes" we all feared. Our President was being accused of some kind of wrongdoings in a place called Watergate. And, our country was in the beginnings of some major long-term financial problems (inflation, high unemployment and long term recession).

I didn't forecast a bright future, but I knew one sure thing while riding that Greyhound bus my life would never be the same. How little did I know.

My career took me to Beale Air Force Base, Calif. Vietnam was just ending. I watched President Nixon announcing his resignation. I waited for three hours in line to get gas for my 1971 Mustang. I saw inflation rise to 11 percent and our recession to officially begin. Some of my fellow military firemen (we weren't called fire fighters then, as there were no women firemen) came into the Air Force to avoid the Army and the Marines and ultimately, Vietnam. Needless to say, they hated the military and they let you know it in no uncertain terms.

In 1976, I ended up in Royal Air Force Alconbury, England. Jimmy Carter became our thirty-ninth President. During his tenure, there

were major cutbacks in military spending. I think we saw two pay raises and several pay delays during the late seventies. That said, I still noticed the quality of the troops was also getting better. This was partly due to the exodus of the Vietnam avoiders and the all-volunteer military was beginning to really take hold. F-15s and F-16s were coming into the Air Force inventory. We were motivated to get the job done. We just weren't

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properly trained and had little money and resources to do things right.

We began the '80s with a new President. Under the Ronald Reagan administration, we saw more money going toward our military. We were actually getting pay raises and we were beginning to see parts and supplies for our war systems. We were getting money to train and we were getting more respect from the general public. Again, people coming into the military were getting better.

The Berlin Wall came crashing down on Nov. 9, 1989. I never dreamed it would happen back in 1973. I now felt that the world would finally be at peace and all evil would cease. Enter, Iraq, circa 1990.

Seems that this little plot of land called Kuwait was proving to be a very valuable temptation for a certain Middle Eastern despot we all know. We gave his regime a sample taste of Desert Shield in late 1990. When his hunger did not abate, we filled his plate with a heaping helping of Desert

Storm in early 1991. He and his regime had all they could take and left the table. Didn't you just know we hadn't seen the last of this guy?

About this time, we started paying people to get out of the military. Apparently, after the fall of communism and Saddam, the world didn't need a large military. Bases began to close. While we were reorganizing, we again had to prove ourselves in Bosnia and Kosovo. The wars really weren't over. Evil did not end.

Now we are into the new millennium. B-52s, KC-135s, C-130s and C-141s are still in the air. We are fighting new types of enemies — new kinds of terrorists. We fought them on their home, other's home turfs and now on our own home turf. And our hungry fellow in Iraq is coming back for seconds. Yes, we have challenges!

Do we ever. But, as my military career comes to a close, I know this one basic truth: the Air Force will be there to fight and to win. No one counts on any other Air Force to do our job. When the call goes out to absolutely control the skies, deliver cargo or provide close air support, no one calls in the French or British (maybe sometimes) Air Forces; their first pick is the good old United States Air Force. That would be you.

For me, my ride stops here at Spangdahlem AB where I will retire from the Air Force. It has been a great ride.

From my humble military beginnings of the 70s, until now, I have seen a lot of things. But what I've seen most is Air Force people overcoming all types of adversity. That is why we are the best.

The Air Force has always had and always will have great people. But, remember also that those who would do the world harm, are also getting stronger and smarter. We must continue to lead the way.

I salute you.

## Direct Lines

### ACT Eifel charges

**Q**uestion: I want to know why the services squadron is charging so much for the most recent ACT Eifel play, when ACT Eifel doesn't see one penny of the money. These people have put a huge amount of effort and time into putting on these performances and this high cost is prohibiting a deserving audience.

In the past, shows that didn't include dinner were free and usually drew a crowd. Isn't the services squadron a non-profit organization?

This is even more aggravating for friends of the cast, such as myself, who usually go to multiple shows to support our friends. Above all, it is unfair to the cast and crew causing them to perform for an audience of two to five people, showing very little support from the community.

**A**nswer: Thank you for inquiring about the American Community Theater Eifel. Although the ACT Eifel members are all volunteers, there are many non-appropriated fund costs associated with putting on a theater production, including purchasing rights and scripts for the plays, renting stage and set material, buying supplies and costumes, and paying NAF employee wages.

The fee charged for the show is used to offset some of the NAF expenses for these performances. The U.S. Army, Europe, entertainment director recently conducted a survey of community theater ticket prices of 15 communities and ACT Eifel prices were among the lowest in Europe.

The average headcount for the past five shows was 23 people per

show. Although I always like to increase attendance, friends and family of ACT Eifel cast and crew are admitted free, based upon a list provided to the community center by the ACT Eifel director.

I appreciate all the volunteers in ACT Eifel and the wonderful talent they bring to our community.

### Burger King drive-thru

**Q**uestion: Recently, when I went to Burger King at 8:50 a.m. there was no parking to be found near the facility and the drive-thru was closed. The closing of the drive-thru seems to be a daily occurrence. About two months ago I filled out a comment card and asked the manager why the drive-thru is always closed. She said they didn't have enough employees to

open the drive-thru. Why is Burger King having the problem?

**A**nswer: We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience you experienced due to the Burger King drive-thru being closed. While it's never our intention to close the drive-thru or inconvenience our guests, there are times when it is necessary to close the drive-thru due to warehouse deliveries, emergencies or construction. In the future these are the only conditions under which the drive-thru will not be open without the prior approval of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service general manager or food business manager.

We want to thank you for bringing your concerns to us and again we apologize for your inconvenience and hope that you will continue to be a loyal and valued guest at all of our AAFES operations.



## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp).

### Bitburg Castle

**Today**

**Analyze That (R)**

Paul Vitti is released from prison and hooks up with therapist Ben Sobel, who may need more psychological help than his mobster patient. The burden of Sobel taking over his deceased father's practice is making him just crazy enough to have another wacky adventure with his wife and mobster companion. (Language and sexual content.)

**Saturday**

**Formula 51 (R)**

Elmo and his blue magic formula has sparked a gold rush. Everyone wants a piece of the action. Who will out smart whom? Who will walk away with the formula? (Violence, language, drug content and sexuality.)

**Sunday**

**Analyze That**

**Closed Monday and Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Tuck Everlasting (PG)**

When Winnie is lost in the woods near her home, she happens upon Jesse, a boy unlike any she's ever met before. His family holds a powerful secret and Winnie must decide whether to return to her life or stay with Jesse. (Violence.)

**Thursday**

**Ghost Ship (PG)**

A boat salvage crew discovers the remains of a passenger liner lost for more than 40 years. Onboard, the crew must confront the ship's past. (Violence, language and sexuality.)

### Spangdahlem Skyline

**Today**

**I Spy (PG-13)**

Based on the 1960's television series, "I Spy," a secret agent recruits a professional boxer to help him recover the U.S. government's prototype spy plane. (Violence, sexual content and language.)

**Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13, 10 p.m.)**

**Saturday**

**Star Trek: Nemesis**

**Punch-Drunk Love (R, 10 p.m.)**

Barry is a quiet, shy, socially awkward man who undergoes a powerful transformation when Lena walks into his life. Lena has an instinctive attraction to him, a nonjudgmental attitude and unconditional love. (Language, sexual content.)

**Sunday**

**The Ring (PG-13)**

Rachel uncovers a video tape, which may be linked to the deaths of local teen-agers. Urban legend says that whoever watches the tape will die in seven days. After she and her son watch the tape she realizes she's running out of time to uncover the secret of the ring. (Thematic elements, disturbing images, language and drug references.)

**Monday**

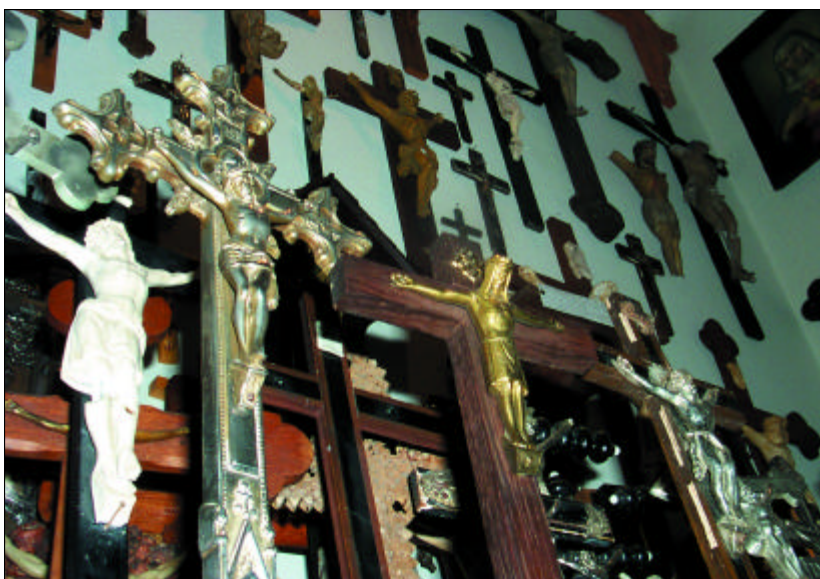
**I Spy**

**Tuesday**

**The Ring**

**Closed Wednesday and Thursday**

*Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
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Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Above, a collection of crucifixes and religious icons from as far back as 1890. Right, furnishings from an old school room, displayed as they would have been used in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



# Speicher museum offers visitors an up-close look at local history

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Not far from the base is the Eifel's largest collection of historical artifacts. At the Speicher Heimat museum people can see pottery, for which the small town of Speicher is famous, World War II memorabilia and old fashioned household items.

The museum officially opened in 1988. Its first displays included a comprehensive collection of historical furniture, documents and daily items. All the artifacts were donated by locals.

The facility's 10 exhibition rooms offer insight to local German lifestyles, habits and trades through several generations. It's not uncommon for the displays to be thought of as antiques by today's German youth, while their parents remember using a majority of items on display when they were young.

Some of the more popular displays include an old-fashioned Eifel kitchen, bedroom and dining area. An old fash-

ioned classroom is complete with maps, ink wells and student benches.

A shoemaker's workshop displays tools of the trade and a post-war variety store sports 1950's advertising slogans and product packages. A collection of hats worn by the women in the Eifel from 1800-1900 and clothes, to include old-fashioned bloomers, offer visitors a more intimate look into the past.

In the cellar, visitors can see agricultural equipment, stone masons tools, World War II memorabilia and more.

The Speicher museum also houses the largest collection of crucifixes in the Rheinland-Pfalz. Religious statues, pictures, headstones and items from the Speicher church are also on display.

Over the years, artifacts such as hand-crafted tools, beds and handcuffs used in the original Speicher prison, a Schnapps distillery, an air raid bunker and fire-department equipment have been added to the museum's collection.

The museum is always looking for

additional items, documents or information relating to Eifel history.

Throughout the year, local residents donate artifacts, which only add to the facility's interest. People interested in contributing donations can call Herr Streit, the museum curator, at 06562-2023.

Upcoming events include a temporary exhibition about Fashing in Speicher taking place throughout February. The annual museum Eifel hat festival with a singing performance takes place March 2.

The museum is located on Jacobstrasse in the former city hall. It's open Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Entry is free; however, donations for museum maintenance are appreciated.

A guided tour is available in English for groups of 10 people or more upon reservation. Call 06562-2023 or 06562-6442 for more information.

## Out and About

*(Editor's note: Event dates and times are subject to change. To confirm event details, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. Tourist office agents, who usually speak English, can also confirm event information.)*

■An antique market takes place Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Trier Europa hall.

■Flea markets take place Sunday inside and outside the Kroev Hall, on Trier-West Hornstrasse, at the Koblenz Alte Viehmarkt hall and at the Aachen Markthalle located on Liebigstrasse 40.

■A Lego World exhibition takes place at the Trier Viehmarkt Thermal Bad hall Tuesday through Sunday at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. through April 21.

■The exhibition, "America Yesterday," features photos by Andreas Feininger, now through Feb. 2 at the Wittlich Georg-Meistermann museum, located in the old city hall on Neustrasse 2.

■Listen to an Irish folk concert by Geraldine MacGowan & Friends Feb. 6 at the Trier Tuchfabrik cultural center.

■The show "Musical Magics on Tour" features a team of 17 musicians performing highlights from "Phantom of the Opera," "The Dance of the Vampires," "Les Miserables" and "Starlight Express." More than 600 people applauded the performance in Wittlich and Niersbach recently. The performance was well received by both German and American visitors, even though it's performed in

German. For details, visit [www.wa-studio-t.de](http://www.wa-studio-t.de).

■The TurnTableRockers present rock music Feb. 6 at the Trier Forum.

■Reserve tickets now for "Night of Classics," featuring a concert by the Posen/Lodz state operetta, Feb. 2 at Wittlich Atrium hall.

■Reserve tickets now for Brazilian Tropical Show Feb. 4 at Daun Forum hall.

■Attend a Scottish folk festival with Fred Morrison, Jim Malcolm and the Fiddler's Bid Jan. 30 at Losheim Am See Eisenbahn hall.

■See "Mamma - Come Together," a musical, Feb. 12 at the Trier Europa hall.

■Latin-Swing-Blues performs Feb. 19 at Mertesdorf Hotel Karlsmuehle.

■The 2nd Annual Bitburg

Beer festival takes place March 13 through April 5 on Bitburg Flugplatz.

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Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in February. People should register for trips at least three days in advance. Children's prices are for ages 3-12. Call 452-6567 for more information.

■Strasbourg express, Feb. 1. Cost is \$39 for adults, \$29 for children.

■Nurnberg and Dachau express, Feb. 1. Cost is \$70 for adults, \$65 for children.

■Prague city tour and shopping, Feb. 7-8. Cost is \$70 for a single seat, \$100 for a double seat.

■Amsterdam and Zaanse Schans express, Feb. 8. Cost is \$70 for adults, \$65 for children.



# BHS wrestlers take third in K-town tourney

## Coach's talk fires up team to claim weight class titles

By Ethan Lake

Barons wrestling assistant coach

The Barons gave a strong performance during their recent bout at the Kaiserslautern wrestling tournament Jan. 18, but not strong enough for first place. The team's slow start resulted in it taking third place.

To bring an end to the team's sluggish start, Coach Watts injected a much-needed pep talk, which inspired the Barons back into "the zone"-- focused and ready for battle.

"The zone is where you hone your skills to overcome your fears," said Sophomore David Vilanova.

The Barons went on to take the title in all five weight classes it entered. Bitburg wrestlers dominated the lower weights with Daniel Brunal and Joe Mueller who won first and second place in the 103 pound weight class. Jon Coker and Anthony Messina placed first and second in the 112 pound weight class. Kyle McQuiston took first at 119 pounds. Devon Gardner took first at 125 pounds and Jordan Watts took first at 171 pounds.

Also placing in the top four were Justin Carnahan at 119 pounds, Steve Gutschow at 135 pounds, Steve Gastelum at 145 pounds, Matt Giffin at 152 pounds, Jeremy Wooten at 215 pounds and Randy Van Ginkle at 275 pounds.

Jordan Watts earned the tournament's fastest pin award with a 12 second pin.

Unfortunately, for the Division II Barons, their string showing was not quite enough to topple the two Division I schools for the tournament title.

With the home team advantage, Division I Kaiserslautern came out on top with 209.5 points, Division I Wurzburg came in second with 179.5 points and Division II Bitburg took third with 174.5 points. Following the pack were Brussels with 85 points, AFNORTH with 78, Hohnefels with 68, SHAPE with 63 and Baumholder with 21.

The Barons wrestle at home Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center. Championship finals take place at 4 p.m.



Jay Gardner



Rafael Vilanova

Above, Barons wrestler Randy VanGrinkle, 275 pounds, works a head-and-arm pin on his Kaiserslautern opponent for the win Saturday. Left, Barons wrestler Ryan Warner, at 160 pound, holds his Wurzburg adversary in a head-and arm pin.

## Lady Barons' winning streak ends

By Denny Lemmon

Lady Barons basketball coach

The Bitburg High School varsity Lady Barons basketball team lost two games this past weekend to the Hanau Panthers. The losses ended the team's 19-game winning streak.

Friday the Barons lost in a heart-breaker 27-30. Saturday, in another tough match, the Panthers claimed victory in the last minutes of the game 35-32. The junior varsity team also lost Friday 16-38. Saturday morning; however, the junior Lady Barons shocked their opponents by winning in an exciting overtime game 31-30.

### Varsity action

Throughout the Friday night varsity game, both teams struggled offensively but the Panthers took the lead at the end of the first quarter 4-2. Nadia Parker scored 12 of her game-high 19 points in the second quarter. The Barons took the lead at the half 14-12.

At the end of the third quarter, the game was tied at 21. In the fourth quarter, some key turnovers allowed the Panthers to outscore the Barons 9-6. Nadia Parker, the Lady Barons 6-foot, 2-inch All-European center, dominated the boards with 23. She also had three steals in the losing effort. Senior Sabrina Blaus did well pulling down 14 rebounds. Chelsea Gavagan and Erica Winters chalked up two assists each.

On Saturday afternoon, it was another battle between evenly matched teams. The defense by both teams appeared to be the strongest characteristic as each offense could only muster 13 points at the half. Super sophomore Nadia Parker maintained the offensive punch for the Barons as she scored five points throughout each quarter of the game to lead all scorers with 21 points.

Saturday, the Lady Barons led at the end of the third quarter 23-21. The

Panthers picked up their pressure defense, and like the day before, a few key turnovers in that crucial final quarter turned the tide in favor of their team. Parker, Blaus and Tanja Moore rebounded well throughout the game. Freshman Carletta Hernandez scored four points, while guard Erica Winters added three. Chelsea Gavagan dished out five excellent assists. Sabrina Blaus played intimidating defense making five steals.

### Junior varsity action

The junior varsity team from Hanau was a powerful force but the Lady Barons fought gallantly trailing 8-13 at the end of the half. The pressure defense, quick transition points and not stopping the Panthers fast break caused the lopsided 33-16 loss for the Barons.

Saturday morning the Lady Barons were determined to do better. Freshman Carletta Hernandez, who plays on the varsity and junior varsity teams scored eight points of her game high 16 points in the first half. This gave the Barons a four-point lead.

In the third quarter, the Panthers outscored the Barons 8-3, taking the lead. The fourth quarter was a real battle and ended in a 29-point tie. In the overtime, the Panthers scored a free throw gaining a one-point lead. As the clock ticked down, Carletta Hernandez scored the winning basket, earning the Barons the victory.

Throughout the game, guards Melodie Dupervall and Monica Bintz did an excellent job of breaking the pressure defense and setting the offensive plays. Freshman Jazmine Winn sparkled on offense scoring six, Bintz added five and Andrea Drake scored two in the big victory.

The Lady Barons play Black Forest Academy this weekend.

## Sports Shorts

### Bitburg splits with Hanua

By Lin Hairstone

Barons basketball coach

The Bitburg Baron high school boy's basketball team split with the Hanau Panthers this past weekend with a 14-point lead Jan. 17.

### Varsity action

The varsity team got off to a weak start when Senior Joel Parker was sent to the bench for 14 minutes in the first half for a foul. The Panthers capitalized on the situation with an eighteen point second quarter.

After the half, the Barons outplayed their opponents, but fell short and lost 34-31. All but two Barons scored that evening, with B.J. Phillips and Joel Parker scoring eight apiece.

Saturday, the Barons played their best game of the season winning 52-34. The team held the Panthers to zero points in the first period. Barons defense kept its opponents from scoring, limiting the Panthers offense to 12 points in the first half.

Playing with poise, Erik Polumbo and Ryan Thomas controlled the perimeter with quick defensive feet and hands, stealing six Hanau passes and keeping their three-point shooters to only one successful attempt. Joel Parker connected for 26 points and Ryan Thomas added 16. The Baron players pulled down 35 rebounds with Parker getting nine, Joel Brown eight and B.J. Phillips seven, allowing the Barons to control the boards during the game. Polumbo added eight assists and the Barons left Hanau smiling.

### Junior varsity action

The junior varsity Barons lost two close games in Hanau. The Jan. 17 game ended in a 30-28 heartbreaker. Anthony Fornicola's nine points was the game high.

Saturday the junior Barons again lost a close one, 34-33. Not playing with control during the last minute and one half left the Barons feeling blue. Brian Mezger and Trey Wilson both added seven points each in the losing effort.

The Barons go on to play Black Forest Academy next weekend.

### Powerlifting meet

The U.S. Forces Powerlifting Meet takes place Feb. 8 at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England. All U.S. Air Forces in Europe or U.S. Army

Europe assigned military ID cardholders are eligible to compete. People on a temporary duty assignment to USAFE or USAREUR for 30 days or more also qualify.

For active duty participants, permissive TDY is authorized. Entry fee is \$20 before Jan. 31 and \$30 after. Deadline for registration is Feb. 7. Call DSN 226-2391 or (44) 1638-52-2391 for more information.

### Super Bowl party

A Super Bowl pre-party takes place Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Saber Club ballroom. The event features free hot dogs, chips and salsa. Call 452-6090 for more information.

### Youth sports news

■The Spangdahlem Air Base youth programs sports office is located in building 427. The Bitburg Annex youth programs sports office is located in the fitness center. Call 452-7545 for more information.

■Wrestling registration for youth ages 12-18 is underway at the Bitburg Annex School-Age Program facility in building 84 or the Spangdahlem AB youth programs facility, building 427. Call 452-9408 or 452-7545 for details.

■Indoor co-ed soccer registration continues through Jan. 31 for children ages 5-15. Additionally, youth sports officials seek volunteer coaches for the upcoming indoor soccer season. Call 452-7545 or 452-9408 for more information.

### Volksmarching

The Eifel Wanderers volksmarch in Rothenburg takes place Feb. 22. The \$35 charge for adults and \$25 for children includes transportation and a start card, which can be used for city museum discounts. Call Theresa Stevens at 06569-963184 or e-mail chatterbox@gruenewald.de for more information.

### ODP soccer

Advanced soccer players ages 11-18 can practice in Bitburg for the State Europe, Regional 1, Olympic Development Program, beginning Thursday. Call Wendy Richters at 06561-945719 to register or for more information.